

30<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Environmental Science: Copenhagen and beyond**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 6pm to 7.30pm**  
**at Regents College, Regents Park, London, NW1 4NS**

Dear Colleague

Please find enclosed an invitation to the NERC (Natural Environment Research Council) evening discussion forum, *Environmental Science: Copenhagen and beyond*.

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate the critical contribution of environmental science to the issues that will be discussed at the COP15 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December, and to explore which research priorities the conference outcomes may drive. Professor Katherine Richardson (University of Copenhagen) and Professor Duncan Wingham (Chair of NERC Science and Innovation Strategy Board), will respectively give international and NERC perspectives. We will conclude the programme with an open discussion on the future priorities of environmental change science after which drinks and canapés will be available.

A full programme for the evening is overleaf. Details on how to register for this event and how to receive further information are on the bottom of your invitation.

We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully



**Alan J Thorpe**  
**Chief Executive**

**Environmental Science: Copenhagen and beyond**  
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- 5.15 Arrival and light refreshments
- 6:00 ***Welcome and introduction***  
Professor Alan Thorpe, NERC Chief Executive
- 6.05 ***Setting and implementing climate-change policy; the importance of science.***  
Professor Brian Collins – Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
- 6.15 ***The critical role of environmental science.***  
Professor Katherine Richardson – Vice Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen
- 6.30 ***NERC science: the contribution and the challenge.***  
Professor Duncan Wingham – Head of Earth Sciences, University College London and Chair of NERC Science and Innovation Strategy Board
- 6:45 ***Summary***  
Professor Alan Thorpe - NERC Chief Executive
- 6:50 ***Open discussion on the future priorities for environmental change science***
- 7:30 ***Closing Remarks***
- 7.35 Drinks and canapés